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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

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PART III: Remarks

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Notwithstanding any statement by the Applicant, the Applicant urges the Examiner to form his won conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information. An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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